

### **ABSTRACT**

A fastening device for a seat belt comprising at least one belt-force-limiting element which, in the event of an accident, limits the retaining force acting on a person protected by the seat belt by enabling the seat belt to yield to a predetermined extent. The belt-force-limiting element includes a wire-unwinding device from which at least one wire can be pulled out on exertion of a predetermined tensile force, and one end of the seat belt is connected indirectly or directly to the at least one wire in such a manner that the at least one wire is pulled out of the wire-unwinding device as soon as the retaining force exerted by the seat belt on the occupant reaches or exceeds the predetermined tensile force.